



# The Algonquian

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*The Algonquin Club is an educational, international, not-for-profit organization for the study of history, especially as related to the local region. Membership is open to all people with an interest in the heritage of Detroit, Windsor and the Great Lakes. The annual membership fee is just \$20 (U.S./Cdn).*

## **Someplace New and other News!**

The New Year is no longer new, but there is something new for members and guests of the Algonquin Club. This February is the first meeting at the Fogolar Furlan Club -- the new regular venue on the Canadian side of the border. The room reserved is large enough for our biggest meeting and features everything right in it -- including a raised speaker's platform, integrated PA system, a bar and washrooms -- all on the ground floor! Please find detailed directions below and the full address info on the last page.

Between those items please find a review of the January's picture presentation, club contact info, executive list, meeting schedule, and some upcoming history-related events in the area.

Among the photos on the next page is one of member Art Woodford who showed off some artifacts from past club meetings including a Stroh's Strong beer bottle. Apparently the brew-master was a member who made it for the meetings (and later sold as Stroh's Signature). Art donated the recording of a 1958 meeting on original reel-to-reel tape and digitized on CD to the Algonquin Club archives.

## **Next Meeting**

**6:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Fogolar Furlan Club (Windsor, ON) Canada.  
Patricia Neely-McCurdy on African-American Architecture in Buxton  
with Essex County Black History Research Society.**

More than just shelter, architecture impacts our lives. The extent of it in the African-American and African-Canadian communities is seen in the southwestern town of Buxton, notes Pat Neeley-McCurdy, author of the 2006 book *The Houses of Buxton*. American born, she now resides on the other side of the border. She is also a member of the Essex County Black Historical Research Society, the members of which have been invited to attend the meeting.

## **New Meeting Site Directions**

Below are directions to the Fogolar Furlan Club in Windsor. On-line maps/directions (such as <http://maps.yahoo.com/>) are not so accurate for this address/postal code.

From Ambassador Bridge: exit from Canada Customs straight onto Huron Church Road, continue 4km/2.5mi., exit right onto E.C. Row Expressway eastbound, continue 5.5km/3.5mi., exit right for Walker Road, left onto Walker Road northbound, proceed under highway and continue one block, at temporary stop sign (formerly traffic lights, now with construction ahead), left onto Digby Street, continue one short block, left onto Turner Road, continue one block, right onto E.C. Row Avenue East (aka North Service Road) westbound, continue two blocks, right into FFC (first building on left; entrance is further left/on west side, toward rear of building).

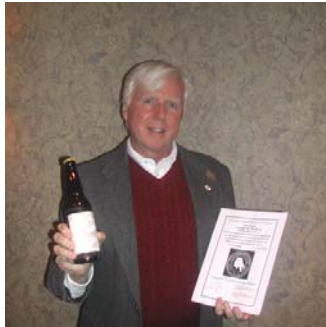
From Detroit-Windsor Tunnel: exit Canada Customs left onto Park Street, immediate left onto Ouellette Avenue, continue 5km/3mi. (out of downtown, past Jackson Park, over bridge above RR tracks, curve right becoming Ouellette Place, curve left becoming Dougall Avenue, under RR tracks), exit right for Walker Road, left onto Walker Road northbound, proceed under highway and continue one block, at temporary stop sign (formerly traffic lights, now with construction ahead), left onto Digby Street, continue one short block, left onto Turner Road, continue one block, right onto E.C. Row Avenue East (aka North Service Road) westbound, continue two blocks, right into FFC (first building on left; entrance is further left/on west side, toward rear of building).

## Past Meeting

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Clawson Steak House (Clawson, MI) U.S.A.  
Ms. Cynthia Read Miller on Photo Treasures of The Henry Ford**

With over a million images to choose from, Cynthia Read Miller had her work cut out for her in choosing the best ones to present to the members and guests of the Algonquin Club at the Clawson Steak House in Michigan. Such an overwhelming selection reminded her of the criticism once leveled at Mozart, "Too many notes, my dear."

The culled selection of images represented the history of the institution, its founder, famous people, famous places, and the not-so-famous. Presented with the use of a modern computer-controlled projector, they originated in a variety of medium ranging from 160-year old one-minute exposure Daguerreotypes to instant Polaroid snapshots that are just a generation old.



Art Woodford with his old artifact and new certificate.



Speaker and certified archivist Cynthia Read Miller (middle) and at the podium with people after the presentation. (Paul Fleet photos)



The Henry Ford includes what is well-known, at least locally, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. It was started about 90 years ago and now also includes the Henry Ford Academy, Ford Rouge Plant Tour, Imax Theatre and Benson Ford Research Center. In the latter are the sensitive holdings that are kept in a climate-controlled building -- such as old documents, fabrics and photographs. One of those images is of the man who inspired Henry Ford. Thomas Alva Edison at age four had a portrait taken of him in 1851. His Menlo Park Laboratories were eventually reconstructed in Greenfield Village, as illustrated in another image from 1929. A promotional photo from the Detroit Edison company was a 1935 tintype of Joe Louis.

The Ford family and the auto company are well represented, as one would expect, although The Henry Ford is a completely separate organization from the car company. The Ford images range from old Henry and his 1896 Quadracycle, a motorized buggy really, to anonymous assembly workers on the 1913 magneto line, and the sweeping streamlined style that forms the front of a Lincoln Zephyr against a 1940s sky. Perhaps less expected are the vacation pictures of Henry Ford with Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone -- three men successful in their day and whose fame is perpetuated today by the companies they formed.

Some images that are familiar, if not famous themselves, include Rosie the Riveter from the World War II era, as portrayed by Mrs. Martha Rhodes. The criss-crossed enclosed conveyors set against the smoke stacks of the Rouge plant have come to represent the industrialization of America, as captured in 1927 and again in 1944.

Famous personalities captured in time include musicians, politicians and inventors; Abraham Lincoln sitting in a photographer's studio in 1863 and Orville and Wilbur Wright demonstrating an early powered flight in France in 1908. The later was made with a glass plate negative.

Famous companies have donated their holdings of images, including Mack Trucks (founded by the Mack brothers John, Augustus, and William), White Motor, H.J. Heinz, and Ford Motor of course. The Detroit Photographic/Detroit Publishing collection was acquired. Some of their images capture famous places such as world fairs. Other famous place include those far away -- such as the Gold Rush town of El Dorado, California -- and others not so far away -- such as Mackinac Island.

## Past Meeting (continued)

Lesser known faces have been captured in the Ambrotype portraits of years gone by, the Kodachrome slides of George Eastman, the Polorid pictures created by Edwin Land, and today's digital images. Nonetheless they too paint a picture, sometimes as well as Mozart did with music.

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### Meeting Reservations

Regular meetings of the Algonquin Club are held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May (nine times annually) with the venue alternating between the two countries. Gathering time is usually 6:30 P.M. with the program of a dinner and a keynote speaker starting at 7:00 P.M. Admission to just cover expenses is typically under-U.S./Cdn.\$25. **Reservations are required by the Thursday prior to the meeting.**

To confirm your attendance, please contact either Treasurer **Bill McElhone** (Birmingham, Michigan) (248)642.2817 [bmcelhone@ci.birmingham.mi.us](mailto:bmcelhone@ci.birmingham.mi.us) or Canadian V.P. **John Tomlinson** (Windsor, Ontario) (519)972.3561 [jontom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jontom@sympatico.ca). Click on the underlined hyperlink to e-mail.

### 2007-2008 Schedule

Tuesday, September 18, 2007.	Tammy Taylor & Clare Koester on Grosse Ile History. Clawson Steak House (Clawson, MI) U.S.A.
Tuesday, October 16, 2007.	Evelyn McLean on Albert Kahn Architecture with Essex County Historical Society. Willistead Manor (Windsor, ON) Canada.
Tuesday, November 20, 2007.	Joe Callanan & Richard Bell on Rowing in Detroit. Clawson Steak House (Clawson, MI) U.S.A.
Tuesday, December 18, 2007.	Hardy Wheeler on Vimy Ridge with The Military Institute of Windsor. Tilston Armoury (Windsor, ON) Canada.
Tuesday, January 15, 2008.	Cynthia Read Miller on Photo Treasures of The Henry Ford. Clawson Steak House (Clawson, MI) U.S.A.
<b>Tuesday, February 19, 2008.</b>	<b>Pat Neely-McCurdy on African-American Architecture in Buxton with Essex County Black History Research Society. Fogolar Furlan Club (Windsor, ON) Canada.</b>
Tuesday, March 18, 2008.	James Conway & David Jamroz on Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne (*) (*revised). Muskrat Dinner with Monroe Historical Society. Monroe Boat Club (Monroe, MI) U.S.A.
Tuesday, April 15, 2008.	Herb Colling on Detroit Riots of 1967. Fogolar Furlan Club (Windsor, ON) Canada.
Tuesday, May 20, 2008.	Marijean Levering on Detroit Players Theatre. Clawson Steak House (Clawson, MI) U.S.A.

## Other Events of Interest

Now - 2008.02.03: Wednesdays to Sundays through February 3, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or later -- Dr. Brian Owen's **"Into the Breach: Windsor and Southwestern Ontario in Times of War"** exhibit, by the University of Windsor Archivist, covers issues and conflicts since 1701. Art Gallery of Windsor (Windsor, ON). Cdn.\$3.

Now - 2008.04.19: Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays through April 19, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. -- National Automotive History Collection's **"Postcards from Detroit: Remembering Formula 1 in the Motor City"** exhibit of Roger Hart photography of the Detroit Grand Prix 1982-1988. Detroit Public Library - Skillman Branch (Detroit, MI). Free admission.

2008.04.04-05: 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. **Friday, April 4** & 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. **Saturday, April 5, 2008. Wayne State University's 50th Annual Local History Conference "Michigan in Perspective"** will be held at the WSU McGregor Memorial Conference Center (Detroit, MI). Registration U.S.\$15 (2007) plus meals (plus parking) in advance, c/o: WSU Walter P. Reuther Library, Detroit, MI 48202 U.S.A. (313)577-4003. The Algonquin Club is a sponsor and participating organization.

## Meeting Venues

Both regular gathering sites of the Algonquin Club, the Clawson Steak House restaurant and Fogolar Furlan Club, are wheelchair accessible with the meeting room (and the bar) and washrooms at grade-level without steps.

Clawson Steak House restaurant: 56 South Rochester Road, Clawson, Michigan 48017 (248)588-5788 Fax(248)588-8411 (southwest of E. 14 Mile Rd. & S. Rochester Rd., 3 traffic-lights west of I-75 at Oakland Mall Exit 65-B)  
Web-site: [www.clawsonsteakhouse.com](http://www.clawsonsteakhouse.com) E-mail: [info@clawsonsteakhouse.com](mailto:info@clawsonsteakhouse.com)

Fogolar Furlan Club: 1800 E.C. Row Avenue / North Service Road, Windsor, ON N8W1Y3 (between Howard Ave. & Walker Rd.) 519-966-2230 Fax:519-966-2237 Web-site: [www.fogolar.com](http://www.fogolar.com)  
(See the first page of this issue for complete directions.)  
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